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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Sergio Carrillo, South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association of Southern California
Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council
Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Luis Ayala, City of Alhambra
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
Samuel Garrison, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Mary Ann Lutz, City of Monrovia

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Pria Hidisyan, Southern California Association of Governments
Robert Ulloa, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)

AQMD STAFF:

Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager
Lori Langrell, Secretary
John Olvera, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Jeanette Short, Sr. Administrative Secretary
Paul Wright, Audio Visual Specialist

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of November 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting minutes.

The November 12, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

There were no action items that arose out of the November 12, 2010 meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Report on Senate Bill 375 Implementation

Ms. Pria Hidisyan provided a report on SB 375 implementation.

Mr. Greg Adams asked which sub-regions are creating their own Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Ms. Hidisyan replied that the Orange County and Gateway Cities Sub-Regions are creating their own SCS's.

Mr. Paul Avila asked when data is expected to be compiled for an air quality study after all the transportation modules have been implemented. Ms. Hidisyan replied that she does not have that information at this moment, but would provide it later.

Action Item: Ms. Hidisyan to provide staff information regarding when data is expected to be compiled for an air quality study following implementation of the various modules, for distribution to the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group (LGSBA) members.

Ms. Lucy Dunn commented that there is no discussion of market forces with regard to the development of housing and transportation, and there is no California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the transportation component, unlike housing. She added that she is not aware of any study which indicates that high density projects reduce greenhouse gases. Ms. Hidisyan agreed that it depends on where the density is. Ms. Dunn asked whether reducing greenhouse gases (GHG), without the global warming connection, is good. Ms. Hidisyan replied that the goal is to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which has a lot of advantages beyond global warming.

Mr. Adams asked about enforceability of SB 375, and at what point are local governments obligated to comply. Ms. Hidisyan replied that there is no enforcement, but there is a target. She added that they are hoping for enough local input to meet the SCS, with an option for an alternative planning strategy (APS) if the targets cannot be met.

Agenda Item #4 – 2011 AQMD State and Federal Legislative Goals & Objectives

Mr. Philip Crabbe provided a presentation on the recently adopted AQMD State and Federal Legislative Goals and Objectives for 2011.

Mr. Avila asked whether replacing a compressed natural gas (CNG) tank on a bus is as simple as putting it on a rack and installing a new one. Mr. Crabbe replied that he is not sure, but the tanks have a 15 year life.

Mr. Adams asked about the AQMP. Mr. Crabbe stated that the AQMP is the region's plan to reach attainment of federal air quality standards, and is updated every 5 years approximately.

Ms. Dunn commented that many of the initiatives are about obtaining funding and the best way to get more funding for government is to allow businesses to grow, which results in increased employment and increased tax revenue.

Ms. Kelly Moulton asked about the intellectual property legislative issue. Mr. Crabbe replied that as staff works with businesses to develop new technologies to reduce emissions, AQMD would like to take advantage of any intellectual property rights that could be used to generate funding for the public's air quality benefit. Ms. Moulton asked about a hypothetical case if one of the District's engineers develops something innovative. Mr. John Olvera replied that something created by staff is the property of AQMD. He added that the issue involves entitlement to licensing and profits from AQMD funded projects.

Mr. Adams commented that staff has to be cautious about patenting products and then requiring those devices on the same sources that are regulated.

Agenda Item #5 – Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group 2010 Accomplishments/2011 Goals & Objectives

Mr. Crabbe presented the 2010 Accomplishments, as well as the 2011 Goals & Objectives of the LGSBA Advisory Group.

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the LGSBA members to consider the 2011 Goals & Objectives at the next meeting.

Action Item: LGSBA members to consider and adopt 2011 LGSBA Goals & Objectives at January 2011 meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Update on Climate Change Activities (Written Report)

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a written report on climate change activities.

Agenda Item #8 - Other Business

No comments.

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.